

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as follows. This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (currently amended) An information processing method for editing multimedia content including metadata, the method comprising:

receiving operation information about an editing operation;

reading reliability information from the metadata;

determining, in accordance with the operation information and the reliability information, whether the metadata is usable for edited multimedia content edited by the editing operation~~in accordance with the operation information and a property of the metadata, where a change in the reliability of the metadata due to the editing operation is written in the property of the metadata;~~ and

adding the metadata to the edited multimedia content if the metadata is determined to be usable.

2. (cancelled)

3. (currently amended) An information processing method for editing multimedia content including metadata, the method comprising:

receiving operation information about an editing operation;

adding the operation information, ~~as an operation record, to a property of the~~  
~~metadata, where a change in the reliability of the metadata due to the editing operation is~~  
~~written in the property of the metadata;~~

reading the operation information and reliability information from property of the  
metadata; and

determining, in accordance with the operation information and the reliability  
information, whether the metadata is usable for edited multimedia content edited by the  
editing operation~~in accordance with the operation information about the editing operation~~  
~~and the read property of the metadata,~~

wherein, if the metadata is determined to be usable, the metadata is  
added to the edited multimedia content.

4. (cancelled)

5. (withdrawn)

6. (currently amended) An information processing apparatus for editing  
multimedia content including metadata, the apparatus comprising:

a receiving unit~~means~~ configured to receive ~~for receiving~~ operation information  
about an editing operation;

a reading unit configured to read reliability information from the metadata;

a determining unit~~means~~ configured to determine, for determining, in accordance  
with the operation information and the reliability information, whether the metadata is

usable for edited multimedia content ~~edited by the editing operation in accordance with the operation information about the editing operation and a property of the metadata, where change in the reliability of the metadata due to the editing operation is written in the property of the metadata; and~~

an adding unit configured to add ~~means for adding~~ the metadata to the edited multimedia content if the metadata is determined to be usable.

7. (currently amended) An information processing apparatus for editing multimedia content including metadata, the apparatus comprising:

a receiving unit means configured to receive ~~for receiving~~ operation information about an editing operation; and

an adding unit means configured to add ~~for adding~~ the operation information to the ~~metadata; as an operation record to a property of the metadata, where a change in the reliability of the metadata due to the editing operation is written in the property of the metadata;~~

a reading unit means configured to read ~~for reading~~ the operation information and reliability information from ~~property of the metadata; and~~

a determination unit means configured to determine ~~for determining~~, in accordance with the operation information and the reliability information, whether the metadata is usable for edited multimedia content ~~edited by the editing operation in accordance with the operation information about the editing operation and the read property of the metadata,~~

wherein, if the metadata is determined to be usable, the metadata is added to the edited multimedia content.

8. (withdrawn)

9. (currently amended) Computer-executable process steps, stored on a computer-readable storage medium, A control program for causing a computer to execute the information processing method as set forth in any one of the Claims 1 to 5.

10. (new) An information processing method according to Claim 1, wherein the reliability information indicates the reliability of the metadata.

11. (new) An information processing method according to Claim 1, wherein the reliability information is based on the operation information.

12. (new) An information processing method according to Claim 1, wherein determining whether the metadata is usable includes comparing the reliability information with predetermined reliability information.

13. (new) An information processing method according to Claim 3, wherein the reliability information indicates the reliability of the metadata.

14. (new) An information processing method according to Claim 3, wherein the reliability information is based on the operation information.

15. (new) An information processing method according to Claim 3,  
wherein determining whether the metadata is usable includes comparing the reliability  
information with predetermined reliability information.

16. (new) An information processing apparatus according to Claim 6,  
wherein the reliability information indicates the reliability of the metadata.

17. (new) An information processing apparatus according to Claim 6,  
wherein the reliability information is based on the operation information.

18. (new) An information processing apparatus according to Claim 6,  
wherein determining whether the metadata is usable includes comparing the reliability  
information with predetermined reliability information.

19. (new) An information processing apparatus according to Claim 7,  
wherein the reliability information indicates the reliability of the metadata.

20. (new) An information processing apparatus according to Claim 7,  
wherein the reliability information is based on the operation information.

21. (new) An information processing apparatus according to Claim 7,  
wherein determining whether the metadata is usable includes comparing the reliability  
information with predetermined reliability information.

22. (new) Computer-executable process steps stored on a computer-readable storage medium, the computer-executable process steps causing a computer to execute the method of claim 3.